



4-H Affiliate Groups

County 4-H Program Structure

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4-H Policies and
Procedures

Section 5: County
4-H Program
Structure

<https://bit.ly/4hcountystructure>

Who is responsible for 4-H in Indiana?

- The United States Department of Agriculture authorized land grant universities to administer the nation's 4-H programs.
- The Indiana General Assembly has given Purdue University sole and exclusive authority to manage all 4-H activities in the state of Indiana.
- Purdue University relies on the local county extension educators to administer the 4-H program at the local level.
- Purdue Extension collaborates with the county 4-H affiliates (4-H Council and/or Fair Board) for developing 4-H programming and procedures for County 4-H programs, fairs, and events.

Find it:

Indiana 4-H Youth
Development
Council Handbook

<https://bit.ly/IN4hcouncilhandbook>

What is the purpose of the 4-H Council?

The 4-H Youth Development Council is to help plan and implement a 4-H Youth Development Program that is consistent with the mission and vision of both Purdue Extension and the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program.

The county 4-H program should offer a variety of high-quality 4-H youth educational opportunities, be adequately supported, and be in accordance with the developmental needs of today's young people.

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What is the purpose of a 4-H Fair Board?

A 4-H Fair Board is responsible for the year-round operation and maintenance of the fairground's property, which the Fair Board may own and/or manage. The Fair Board works in conjunction with the County 4-H Extension Educator and 4-H Council to establish the dates and schedule for the annual 4-H Fair exhibition. The 4-H Fair Board also follows a process that allows other Purdue Extension and non-Extension groups to utilize the facilities and fairgrounds throughout the year.

A fair board may be 4-H, non-4-H or duties may be incorporated into the 4-H Council responsibilities.

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Section 8: 4-H
Affiliate Standards

<https://bit.ly/IN4haffiliatestandards>

What are the expectations of 4-H Affiliates?

- Must be approved 4-H volunteers
- Follow and not contradict state and national 4-H Program policies
- Memorandum of Understanding
- Structure of 4-H affiliates must comply with Purdue Extension/Indiana 4-H policies and procedures

4-H Educator Responsibilities

- Manage all aspects of the county 4-H program.
- Immediate supervisor of all 4-H volunteers.
- Approval authority for county 4-H fundraising efforts.
- Implement all policies and procedures to create a safe and engaging environment for 4-H programming.
- Other duties as documented in the MOU.

4-H Affiliate Responsibilities

- Support statewide 4-H program goals, mission and vision.
- Support local 4-H program and 4-H Educator
- Serve as a voice for community needs.
- Serve as an advocate for and support of 4-H in the community.
- Other duties as documented in the MOU.

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